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FROM DICK MOOSE

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OVIP (VANCE, CYRUS)
SUBJECT: POSSIBLE VISA APPLICATION--IAN SMITH

SECRETARY REVIEWED SMITH VISA QUESTION AT LENGTH THIS EVENING WITH AMBASSADOR BREWSTER, STEVE LOW, AND ME. HIS VERY FIRM CONCLUSION IS THAT SMITH SHOULD NOT BE GRANTED A VISA. HE BELIEVES THAT WE SHOULD TAKE A STRONG POSITION ON THIS QUESTION CITING OUR CONSISTENT REFUSAL OF VISAS TO RHODESIAN PASSPORT HOLDERS AND TO RESIDENTS OF RHODESIA WHOM WE HAVE REASONS TO BELIEVE TO HAVE ENCOURAGED UNLAWFUL ACTIONS OF THE RHODESIAN REGIME --BOTH OF WHICH POSITIONS ARE IN ACCORDANCE WITH OUR OBLIGATIONS UNDER U.N. SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 253. IN HIS VIEW, ALLOWING SMITH TO ENTER THE U.S. AND MAKE HIS CASE WOULD UNDERMINE OUR RHODESIAN NEGOTIATING EFFORTS AS WELL AS OUR RELATIONS WITH THE FRONT LINE STATES. IMPLICIT IN SECRETARY'S APPROACH TO VISA PROBLEM WAS UNDERSTANDING THAT WE WOULD NOT ANNOUNCE OUR POSITION UNTIL AND UNLESS SMITH ACTUALLY APPLIED FOR VISA.

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2. HODDING CARTER WHO ALSO PARTICIPATED IN DISCUSSION REQUESTS THAT CLEARCUT PUBLIC POSITION BASED ON SECRETARY'S VIEW BE PREPARED FOR CONTINGENCY USE.

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